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In re Appln. of: Darin Schaeffer et al.

Appln. No.: 10/712,420

Filed: November 12, 2003

For: ELECTROPOLISHING APPARATUS AND
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Attorney Docket No: 8627-327 (PA-5445-RFB)

Examiner: Zheng, Lois L.

Art Unit: 1742

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cites the following reference(s):

U.S. Patent No.	Issue or Pub. Date	Inventor
4,038,702	August 2, 1977	Sawyer
6,679,980 B1	January 20, 2004	Andreacchi
6,275,826 B1	August 14, 2001	Geiner et al.
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

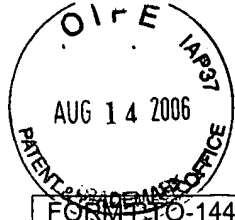
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	C1	4,038,702	08/03/77	Sawyer	3/1.5	9/73
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	C3	6,275,826 B1	08/14/01	Geiner et al.	707/101	3/99
	C4	US2005/0197689 A1	09/08/05	Molaei	623/1.13	12/04

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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